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1. APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S EFFORTS TO RESOLVE DELAY IN SELECTION OF SOVIET LEGAL SCHOLAR AND MEET OCTOBER 1 DEADLINE.

2. ON THE SLIGHT CHANGE THAT SOVIETS APPROVE KOLBASOV OR QUICKLY NAME AN ALTERNATE FOR WOODROW WILSON CENTER SLOT WE HAVE OBTAINED WWC'S TENTATIVE AGREEMENT FOR AN EXTENSION OF THE ARRANGEMENTS. HOWEVER, WE AGREE WITH EMBASSY THAT KOLBASOV'S CANDIDACY IS PROBABLY DEAD AND SEE NO MERIT IN HAVING EMBASSY PRESS SOVIET SIDE FURTHER AT THIS STAGE. IF NO FURTHER RESPONSE IS FORTHCOMING FROM SOVIETS BROWN WILL REVIEW THE MATTER WITH KUVSHINNIKOV DURING IZRAEL VISIT WITH A VIEW TOWARD ASCERTAINING WHETHER SOVIETS WILLING TO NAME ALTERNATE CANDIDATE FOR SIMILAR PROGRAM AT WWC OR ANOTHER US INSTITUTION.

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3. RE PARA 2, REF A, IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT IT WAS KOLBASOV HIMSELF WHO AS CHAIRMAN OF PROJECT XI CONTINUALLY ADVANCED HIS OWN CANDIDACY. REF B REPORTED THAT HE WOULD BE THE APPLICANT AND TO OUR KNOWLEDGE SOVIET SIDE NEVER HINTED AT AN ALTERNATIVE. WE HAVE NO PARTICULAR BRIEF FOR KOLBASOV; HE SEEMS COMPETENT BUT THERE MUST BE OTHERS EQUALLY ABLE. KISSINGER

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